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1. SUMMARY. THE THIRD COMMITTEE ON OCT 25 APPROVED THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SELF-DETERMINATION (ITEM 76) BY A VOTE OF 102-4(US, UK, FRANCE, ISRAEL)-24. IN SPITE OF A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF "YES" VOTES AND ABSTENTIONS, THE COMMITTEE FIRST TURNED DOWN THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT DESIGNED TO STRIKE REFERENCES TO NATO. UP TO THE LAST MINUTE, IT APPEARED THATTHE EC-9 MIGHT ABSTAIN AS A GROUP ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE, LEAVING THE US AND ISRAEL ALONE IN OPPOSITION. HOWEVER, MONDAY MORNING FRANCE AND THE UK DECIDED THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS SUFFICIENTLY BAD THAT THEY SHOULD JOIN THE US IN VOTING "NO" DESPITE THE CONTRARY PULL OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF EXPLANA-
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TIONS OF VOTE, AND MORE ARE TO BE GIVEN AT THE NEXT

SESSION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIOR TO THE VOTE, THE FRG SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE "BELGIAN" AMENDMENT DESIGNED TO DELETE REFERENCES TO NATO IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 8 OF THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.3/31/L.7/REV.1. FRANCE, THE UK, AND THE US EXPLAINED IN ADVANCE WHY THEY WERE VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. THE US STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY MYERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS. SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS ALSO EXPLAINED THEIR VOTES EITHER ON THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT OR ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. THESE INCLUDED THE DELEGATIONS OF PORTUGAL (WHO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT), ISRAEL, NETHERLANDS, AND JAPAN (WHO OPPOSED THE PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH ARMED STRUGGLE). CUBA, ALGERIA AND JAMAICA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING THE PARAGRAPH CONDEMNING NATO MEMBERS. THE CUBAN DELEGATE NOTED THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON THE ACTIVITIES OF NATO MEMBERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THAT NEXT YEAR'S AMENDMENT ON THE SUBJECT WOULD CERTAINLY CONTAIN ADEQUATE REFLECTION OF NATO COUNTRY POLICIES. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE MORE TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT OF NATO IN RELATION TO THE NEXT ITEM OF THE AGENDA, ITEM 70, ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF POLITICAL, MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. WE HAD LOBBIED LAST WEEK AND MONDAY MORNING, PARTICULARLY WITH THE UK, AND BELIEVE THAT OUR EFFORTS--TOGETHER WITH THE DEPT'S TALKS WITH THE FRENCH--WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN TIPPING THE BALANCE ON THE VOTE AS A WHOLE. ON THE BELGIAN AMENDMENT, THERE WERE A GOOD NUMBER OF "YES" VOTES AND ABSTENTIONS. AS IT TURNED OUT, THE BELGIANS WERE CORRECT IN THEIR TACTICAL JUDGEMENT THAT WE WOULD GET MORE SUPPORT ON AN AMENDMENT TO DELETE REFERENCES TO NATO THAN IN A STRAIGHT VOTE ON THE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION. FOLLOWING THE VOTE, THERE WAS NO TIME FOR DELEGATIONS TO GIVE EXPLANATIONS. A NUMBER OF THESE ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT SESSION ON OCTOBER 26.

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4. THE VOTING ON THE AMENDMENT WAS 21(US)-72-36. THOSE VOTING "YES" WERE BELGIUM, CANADA, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, FIJI, FRANCE, GREECE, HONDURAS, ICELAND, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, TURKEY, UK, AND US. THE DELEGATES OF THE FRG WAS ABSENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN, HAVING BEEN CALLED OUT OF THE ROOM FOR LAST MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN PERTAINING TO THE VOTE

ON THE RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. THE FRG DELEGATE EX-
PLAINED THAT HAD HE BEEN PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS
TAKEN, HE WOULD HAVE VOTED "YES". THOSE ABSTAINING:
ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BANGLADESH, BOLIBIA,
BRAZIL, BURM, CAR, CHILE, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN RE-
PUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL SALAVADOR, FINLAND, GUATEMALA,
INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, LIBERIA,
MALAWI, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PAPUA NEW
GUINEA, PARAGUAY, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE,
SURINAM, SWEDEN, THAILAND, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, AND
ZAIRE. CHINA STATED CLEARLY THAT THEY WERE NOT PAR-
TICIPATING IN THE VOTE. ABSENT WERE: ALBANIA,
BAHAMAS, BHUTAN, CONGO, FRG, GRENADA, HAITI, LEBANON,
MALDIVES, MALTA, MAURITUS, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE,
SEYCHELLES, SOUTH AFRICA. THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION
AS A WHOLE WAS 102-4-24. THOSE VOTING NO WERE US,
UK, FRANCE, AND ISRAEL. ABSTAINING: AUSTRALIA,
AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, CAR, COSTA RICA, DENMARK,
FINLAND, FRG, HONDURAS, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY,
JAPAN, LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA,
NORWAY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PARAGUAY, SPAIN, SWEDEN,
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